

MPEP Section 803 states that if a search and examination of all the claims of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner is encouraged to examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. In the present situation, no serious burden upon the Examiner is seen by examining all of the claims of the present application at least since the seal as recited in independent claim 1 is capable of being cold formed and the Examiner's search with respect to the cold forming steps recited in independent claims 10, 11, 14 and 17 would overlap.

Therefore, if the Examiner reaffirms this Requirement, Applicant elects for claims 1-9 to be examined first. However, if the Examiner reconsiders the Requirement for the reason mentioned above, it is believed all of claims 1-20 should be examined.

No fee is believed due with the filing of this Reply. However, as necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1665.

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